

Varied Fluency

Step 1: Recognising Simple Past and Present Tenses

National Curriculum Objectives:

English Year 2: (2G4.2) [Learn how to use the present and past tenses correctly and consistently including the progressive form](#)

English Year 2: (2G4.2) [Correct choice and consistent use of present tense and past tense throughout writing](#)

Differentiation:

Developing Questions to support identifying simple past and simple present verb tenses. All words are decodable up to phase 5 or high frequency words. Includes regular verbs and 'to be' and 'to go'. Scaffolding provided.

Expected Questions to support identifying simple past and simple present verb tenses. Majority of spellings are taken from the Y1/Y2 spelling list. Includes regular and irregular verbs and with some scaffolding provided.

Greater Depth Questions to support identifying simple past and simple present verb tenses. Includes regular and irregular verbs. Multiple verbs and conjunctions used in sentences.

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1a. Underline the simple present tense verbs in the sentences below.

A. I go with my mum.

B. I like cats.



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1b. Underline the simple past tense verbs in the sentences below.

A. I went on the school trip.

B. I turned off the tap.



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2a. Circle the correct verb so that the sentence below is written in the simple past tense.

The tap drips/dripped.



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2b. Circle the correct verb so that the sentence below is written in the simple present tense.

I mop/mopped the floor everyday.



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3a. Which sentences are written in the simple past tense?

A. The girl was sad.

B. I ask my sister if she likes pop.

C. The boy looked at the game,



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3b. Which sentences are written in the simple present tense?

A. Annie helps her gran.

B. The cats go on the sofa.

C. I zipped up my coat.



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4a. Which word would complete the sentence below when written in the simple present tense?

I _____ my dog.

walked

walk



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4b. Which word would complete the sentence below when written in the simple past tense?

I _____ my dad.

helps

helped



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5a. Underline the simple present tense verbs in the sentences below.

A. I fall over on the playground often.

B. My brother cries a lot during the night.



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5b. Underline the simple past tense verbs in the sentences below.

A. I tried to answer the homework questions.

B. The stars were in the sky.



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6a. Circle the correct verb so that the sentence below is written in the simple past tense.

The dog pulls/pulled on the lead.



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6b. Circle the correct verb so that the sentence below is written in the simple present tense.

My father says/said we should eat our vegetables.



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7a. Which sentences are written in the simple present tense?

A. The parents clapped and cheered.

B. the birds eat the seeds.

C. Jamie cleans his plate.



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7b. Which sentences are written in the simple past tense?

A. The children played on the grass.

B. People walk on the path.

C. I enjoyed steak for my dinner.



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8a. Which word would complete the sentence below when written in the simple present tense?

My sister _____ my toys from me.

took

takes



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8b. Which word would complete the sentence below when written in the simple past tense?

I _____ my shoes in the cloakroom.

find

found



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9a. Underline the simple past tense verbs in the sentences below.

A. I threw the ball to Samira and she caught it.

B. I sat on the platform and waited for the train.



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9b. Underline the simple present tense verbs in the sentences below.

A. When I sing a song, I feel happy.

B. The sun shines outside so we go to the beach.



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10a. Circle the correct verb so that the sentence below is written in the simple present tense.

I wrote/write a letter to my friend every month and send/sent it in the post.



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10b. Circle the correct verb so that the sentence below is written in the simple past tense.

I go/went to the dentist yesterday and have/had a tooth taken out.



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11a. Which sentences are written in the simple past tense?

A. The princess kissed the frog and he turned into a prince.

B. I ate sweets for breakfast and then I felt sick.

C. I boil the kettle so I have a cup of tea.



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11b. Which sentences are written in the simple present tense?

A. I took some flowers to my mum because she was ill.

B. I visit my grandparents and go shopping with them on Saturdays.

C. The queen hates the princess and wants to get rid of her.



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12a. Which words would complete the sentence below when written in the simple past tense?

I _____ some food last night and _____ it for my lunch today.



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12b. Which words would complete the sentence below when written in simple the present tense?

My dad always _____ money down the sofa and _____ it for himself.



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- 1a. A. I go with my mum.
B. I like cats.
2a. The tap dripped.
3a. A and C
4a. I walk my dog.

Expected

- 5a. A. I fall over on the playground often.
B. My brother cries a lot during the night.
6a. The dog pulled on the lead.
7a. B and C
8a. My sister takes my toys from me.

Greater Depth

- 9a. A. I threw the ball to Samira and she caught it.
B. I sat on the platform and waited for the train.
10a. I write a letter to my friend every month and send it in the post.
11a. A and B
12a. Various answers, for example: I cooked some food last night and ate it for my lunch today.

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Developing

- 1b. A. I went on the school trip.
B. I turned off the tap.
2b. I mop the floor everyday.
3b. A and B
4b. I helped my dad.

Expected

- 5b. A. I tried to answer the homework questions.
B. The stars were in the sky.
6b. My father says we should eat our vegetables.
7b. A and C
8b. I found my shoes in the cloakroom.

Greater Depth

- 9b. A. When I sing a song, I feel happy.
B. The sun shines outside so we go to the beach.
10b. I went to the dentist yesterday and had a tooth taken out.
11b. B and C
12b. Various answers, for example: My dad always finds money down the sofa and keeps it for himself.